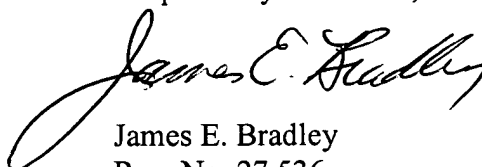


**REMARKS**

Applicants certainly appreciate the allowance of claims 18-26. Applicants have canceled claims 27-32 as drawn to a restricted invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James E. Bradley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent part.

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